

REMARKS

This Paper, Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and Petition for a one-month extension of time are submitted in response to the Advisory Action mailed March 5, 2010 and in further response to the Office Action mailed December 9, 2009 having a shortened statutory response period that ended on March 9, 2010. This Paper is filed within one month of the shortened statutory response period, namely April 9, 2010. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the RCE fee of \$810.00, the one-month extension of time fee of \$130.00 and any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 04-1512, with reference to Attorney Docket No. DOW-31668-A-US.

Claims 1, 3-4, 6-16, 20-21, and 25-27, and 29 are pending. Claims 2, 5, 17-19, 22-24, 28, and 30-48 have been canceled.

1. The Present Claims are Novel and Nonobvious In View of *Tau* and/or *Sun*

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-16, 20-22 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by US Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0046606 to *Tau* et al. (*Tau*).

Claims 1, 3, 4, 6-16, 20-22 and 25-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by US Patent No. 6,835,462 to *Sun* et al. (*Sun*). Applicants respectfully traverse and disagree with these alleged rejections for the reasons set forth below.

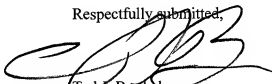
Tau and/or *Sun*, alone or in combination, fail to disclose or suggest a multi-layer film with (a) a core layer selected from high density polyethylene (HDPE) with a density of 0.941g/cm^3 to 0.965g/cm^3 , a blend of low density polyethylene (LDPE) and HDPE, and cyclic-olefin copolymer (COC), and (b) skin layers as recited in the present claims. The core layer in the film for each of *Tau* and *Sun* is subject to strict compositional requirements. For example, the core layer of *Tau*'s multilayer film requires a blend of coupled polypropylene and linear low density polyethylene (LLDPE). *Tau*, ¶¶ 9, 52-53, 72, Examples A, B, C. In contrast, the core layer of the claimed film contains no LLDPE and/or no polypropylene as required by *Tau*.

The base layer of *Sun*'s multilayer film requires (i) a polypropylene or (ii) a polyethylene with a density less than 0.940 g/cc or. *Sun*, col. 2 lines 54-57, col. 3 lines 51-52, col. 8 line 62 through col. 9 line 9. The core layer of the claimed film contains no polypropylene. The HDPE (if present) in the claimed core layer has a density from 0.941 g/cm³ to 0.965 g/cm³. Accordingly, the HDPE of the claimed film is outside the explicit density range of *Sun*'s polyethylene.

Tau and *Sun* each disclose specific requirements for the core layer. The claimed film recites none of the core layer requirements set forth in either *Tau* and/or *Sun*. Accordingly, no combination of *Tau* and/or *Sun* discloses or suggests the claimed multi-layer film.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider the application in view of this Response, to withdraw the rejections, and to forward the application to allowance.

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